

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK**

DANIEL PLAUT, Individually and on Behalf
of All Others Similarly Situated,

Plaintiff,

v.

THE GOLDMAN SACHS GROUP, INC.,
LLOYD C. BLANKFEIN, HARVEY M.
SCHWARTZ, and R. MARTIN CHAVEZ,

Defendants.

Case No. 1:18-cv-12084-VSB

Hon. Vernon S. Broderick

**DECLARATION OF GERALD H. SILK IN SUPPORT OF THE
MOTION OF SJUNDE AP-FONDEN FOR APPOINTMENT AS LEAD PLAINTIFF
AND APPROVAL OF ITS SELECTION OF COUNSEL**

I, Gerald H. Silk, declare as follows:

1. I am a member in good standing of the State Bar of New York and am admitted to practice before this Court. I am a partner at the law firm of Bernstein Litowitz Berger & Grossmann LLP (“Bernstein Litowitz”). I submit this declaration in support of the motion filed by Sjunde AP-Fonden (“AP7”) for appointment as Lead Plaintiff pursuant to the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995 (the “PSLRA”), 15 U.S.C. § 78u-4(a)(3)(B), and approval of its selection of Kessler Topaz Meltzer & Check, LLP (“Kessler Topaz”) as Lead Counsel for the class and Bernstein Litowitz as Liaison Counsel for the class.

2. Attached are true and correct copies of the following exhibits:

- Exhibit A: Sworn Certification of AP7 pursuant to the PSLRA;
- Exhibit B: Chart of AP7’s transactions and losses in The Goldman Sachs Group, Inc. securities during the Class Period;
- Exhibit C: Notice of pendency of *Plaut v. The Goldman Sachs Group, Inc., et al.*, No. 1:18-cv-12084-VSB (S.D.N.Y.), published by *Globe Newswire* on December 20, 2018;
- Exhibit D: Firm résumé of Kessler Topaz; and
- Exhibit E: Firm résumé of Bernstein Litowitz.

I declare, under penalty of perjury, that the foregoing is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Executed this 19th day of February 2019.

S/ Gerald H. Silk
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